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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jose L. FRANCESE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3735  
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Application No.: 09/977,401 ) Examiner: MALLARI, PATRICIA C  
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For: SUCTION ADAPTER FOR )  
MEDICAL INSTRUMENT )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2007, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include a drawings sheet including new Fig. 34.